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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Lawrence I. Bell et al.

Serial No.: Applied for

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For: Cheese Fractionating Process

Examiner: N/A

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

#### **U.S. Patent Documents**

<b>Document No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Inventor</b>
4,075,355	02/1978	Pató
4,876,100	10/1989	Holm, deceased, et al.
5,017,396	05/1991	Lehmann et al.
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#### **Other Art**

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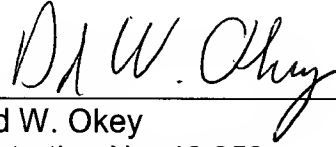
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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. W. Okey", is written over a horizontal line.

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